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09/607,500	06/30/2000	Bilal Alam	13768.143.1	9663

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PREVENTING SOCKET FLOODING DURING DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACKS

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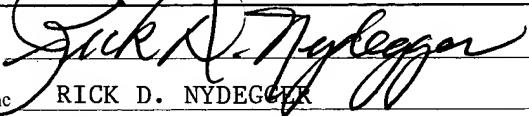
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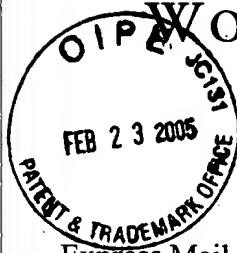
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Filed:	June 30, 2000) 2157
Confirmation No.:	9663)
For:	METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PREVENTING SOCKET FLOODING DURING DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACKS)
Examiner:	LaShonda T. Jacobs)

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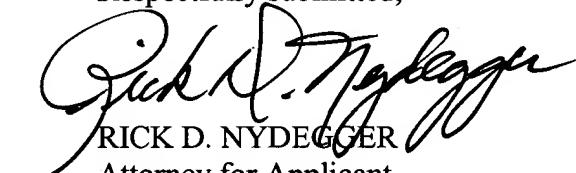
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Dated this 23rd day of February, 2005.

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